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Preparations Underway for Wintery Mix This Weekend

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness is on alert for the possibility of freezing rain, sleet or snow this weekend. Weather forecasters say there's a likely chance of precipitation late Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

"We'll be keeping a close watch on the weather. Our emergency services coordinators are prepared should driving conditions become hazardous," said Dale Lane, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness.

Besides travel difficulties, the National Weather Service says the wintery mix could snap tree limbs which could lead to power outages.

Shelby County Public Works crews are also prepared. **"Based on the forecast, our crews put brine on bridges and overpasses today in the unincorporated areas. Salt and cinder trucks are loaded and ready to respond,"** said Shelby County Public Works Director Tom Needham.

With high temperatures in the forties and lows at or near the freezing mark for the next few days, citizens need to take precautions by checking on relatives and friends, especially those who are elderly, disabled or live alone. Pets should also be sheltered.

For vehicles, check the antifreeze level, windshield wipers and have a full tank of gas.

For more information, go to the Shelby County Office of Preparedness HLS/EMA Facebook Group or Twitter@SCOP_HLS_EMA or call **(901) 222-6700**.

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